

STATE MINING & GEOLOGY BOARD

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION STATE OF CALIFORNIA



RESULTS

THE STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD

Held a Regular Business Meeting on:
December 12, 2002
9:00 A.M.
State Capitol
Assembly Hearing Room 437
Sacramento, California
AGENDA

(NOTE: The Chairman may alter the hearing start time or agenda item order during the meeting)

- I Call to Order (Jones)
- II Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum

III Director's Report (Young, Department of Conservation) (Information)

IV Chairman's Report (Jones) (Information)

V Executive Officer's Report (Parrish) (Information)

VI Good of the Meeting

(This time is scheduled to provide the public with an opportunity to address non-agenda items. Those wishing to speak should do so at this time. Speakers are limited to three minutes except by special

consent of the Chairman)

VII Consent Items (Action)

 Approval of <u>Minutes</u>, November 14, 2002 Regular Business Meeting Approved

VIII Continued Business Items

(Information)

(Action)

(These business items have been continued from a previous meeting)

2. Adoption of Emergency Regulations Relating to Reclamation Policies Requiring Backfilling and Site Recontouring of Open Pit Surface Mine Excavations for Metallic Minerals.

Staff Report Adopted

IX New Business (Action)

 Approval of Recommendation that Weber Creek Quarry, CA Mine ID # 91-09-0002, Prepare a New Reclamation Plan for Submittal to the SMGB According to an Established Timeline or be Subject to the Termination of the Current Plan, as Recommended by the Surface Mining Standards Committee.

Staff Report Amended Staff Report Approved As Amended

4. Approval of a Financial Assurance Cost Estimate Amount for Weber Creek Quarry, Ca Mine ID # 91-09-0002, as Requested by the Surface Mining Standards Committee.

Staff Report Approved

 Approval of Recommendation that Diamond Quarry,
 CA Mine ID # 91-09-0003, Prepare a New Reclamation Plan for Submittal to the SMGB According to an Established Timeline or be Subject to Termination of the Current Plan, as Recommended by the Surface Mining Standards Committee.

Staff Report Amended Staff Report Approved As Amended

6. Issuance of a Notice of Violation to Clinton Donovan, El Dorado County, for Operating a Surface Mine Subject to SMARA Without Possession of an Approved Reclamation Plan, Financial Assurance, and County Permit to Mine, in Violation of PRC § 2770.

Staff Report

Notice of Violation Issued

7. Issuance of a Notice of Violation to Eureka Slate Mine, CA Mine ID # 91-09-0007, El Dorado County, for Failure to Possess an Approved Reclamation Plan and Financial Assurances.

Staff Report

Notice of Violation Issued

8. Issuance of a Notice of Violation to Somerset Sand Mine, CA Mine ID # 91-09-0009, El Dorado County, for Failure to Maintain a Revegetation Test Plot in Accordance with the Approved Reclamation Plan.

Staff Report

Action Continued until January 2003

 Issuance of Notice of Violation to Snow's Road Pit, CA Mine ID # 91-09-0012, El Dorado County, for Exceeding Stockpile Heights, and Not Possessing Documentation from the California Department of Fish and Game Regarding Special Animal Species, as Required by the Reclamation Plan.

Staff Report Amended Staff Report Notice of Violation Issued

10. Issuance of a Notice of Violation to Garnet Pit, CA Mine ID # 91-33-0031, Granite Construction, Operator; City of Palm Springs; for Operations that Exceed the Scope of the Approved Reclamation Plan.

Staff Report

Action Deferred Until January

11. Approval of Interim Management Plan for Garnet Pit, CA Mine ID # 91-33-0031, Granite Construction, Operator; City of Palm Springs.

Staff Report

Action Deferred Until January

12. Adoption of Resolution Number 2002-06 Providing the Executive Officer Authority to Issue to a Surface Mine Operator a Notice of Violation Following a Mine Inspection at Which a Violation is Found.

Staff Report

Resolution Adopted

X Special Reports and Department Presentations

(Information)

(Based on these Reports, the Chairman may instruct the Board staff to initiate administrative actions)

- a) Presentation of Mine Inspection Reports for the Following Surface Mines in El Dorado County:
 - Chile Bar Mine, CA Mine ID # 91-09-0004
 - Cool Cave Quarry, CA Mine ID # 91-09-0005
 - Timm Mine, CA Mine ID # 91-09-0006
 - Cassill Mine. CA Mine ID # 91-09-0011
 - Marin Quarry, CA Mine ID # 91-09-0015

and for the Following Surface Mines:

- Oat Hill Quarry, CA Mine ID # 91-28-0002, City of American Canyon
- Painted Hills Mine, 91-33-0003
 City of Desert Hot Springs

Inspection Reports Accepted

XI SMGB Committee Reports

(Information)

No Committee Reports Given

XII Executive Session (Closed to the Public)

[The Board will discuss information from its legal counsel on pending litigation and may take appropriate actions based on this information. This session is being held under Government Code § 11126.] Items to be discussed:

- a) Raney vs. SMGB, Case # SCVSS69392, San Bernardino Superior Court
- b) Calvert, et al vs. SMGB et al, Case # OOCS01434, Sacramento Superior Court
- c) Loring Brunius vs. SMGB, Case # PC 20010449, El Dorado County
- d) An un-named case where there is potentially significant exposure to litigation against the Board.

XIII Reopen Regular Business Session, Announce Results of Executive Session

No Actions Taken During Executive Session

XIV Announcements of Future Meetings

Next Meeting: January 16, 2003 (Location to be determined)

XV Adjournment

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